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Calling all “Wanna-be” Wordsmiths and Poets! “I Love Sanford” Poetry Contest

The City of Sanford, announces a poetry contest to begin February 1, 2014 (the month of Valentines). The contest is part of Sanford’s civic pride which highlights everything that makes Sanford a great place to live, raise a family, conduct business, learn, play and retire.

Contestants have the chance to win an exciting prize-- two round-trip tickets to Niagara Falls, N.Y. Memorial Day Weekend 2014 on [Allegiant Air](#), traveling from the [Orlando Sanford International Airport](#) along with your poem featured in the City’s future promotional materials.

On Feb. 1-Feb. 28, 2014, the public is invited to submit a poem on why they “Love Sanford, FL”. Entries must incorporate the words “Love” and “Sanford, FL” somewhere in the poem. The contest will be judged by communication professionals in association with Seminole State College, Seminole County’s North Branch Library and the Greater Sanford Regional Chamber of Commerce.

Judges will select three finalists on March 6 and the City of Sanford Facebook fans will select the grand prizewinner. Contestant form and entry must be e-mailed together to Lisa.Mosca@sanfordfl.gov or postmarked by February 28, 2014 to P.O. Box 1788 Sanford, FL 32772 Attn: Lisa Mosca, Public Information Officer. The grand prize winner will be announced mid-March 2014.

“Sanford offers a wealth of poetic inspiration from the street festivals, the arts, dining, shopping, to our many parks, natural scenic beauty, and historic architecture, this is an opportunity to acknowledge all that we love about our great City,” said Norton Bonaparte, City Manager.

Guidelines of the contest:

- Poems do not have to rhyme, enjoy a little play on words and give us the best you’ve got.
- Poems must be short and sweet—no more than eight lines please.
- Poems will be judged on the basis of originality, relevance to theme, uniqueness and poetic structure.
- You must write about why you Love the City of Sanford and you must incorporate the phrase “Love and Sanford, FL” somewhere in the poem.
- Only one entry per person and you must be at least 18 years old to participate.
- The author gives permission to the City of Sanford to publish the entry for use in promotional materials, on the City’s website, on our social media sites, or on display on City property.

[Visit sanfordfl.gov “In the Spotlight”](#) for the entry form, guidelines and restrictions with information also posted on the City of Sanford City Hall Facebook page or call 407-688-5019.